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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, replace the paragraph at lines 7-11 with the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/142,270, filed May 9, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,726,549 issued on April 27, 2004, titled Particle Blast Apparatus, which is a continuation in part application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/658,359 filed September 8, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,524,172, titled Particle Blast Apparatus, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, and of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/123,974, filed April 17, 2002, for Feeder Assembly For Particle Blast System, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, [[both]] all of which are commonly owned by the assignee hereof.

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